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STUDENTS SHUT OUT OF PARKING

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Reserved spots for business school construction and the Barnum and Bailey Circus have forced many students to park elsewhere.

Limited space causes several hindrances in Coliseum lots

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For business students, construction on the Darla Moore School of Business promises shiny new facilities, but for students who attend classes in the Carolina Coliseum, the new construction contributes to an old problem: campus parking.

Andre Perez, a fourth-year information science student, lives 40 minutes away from the university and said finding a parking space in a student lot near the Coliseum requires getting to campus “extremely early.”

“My class doesn’t start until 9:30 a.m.,” Perez said. “I’ve gotten there at 7:30 a.m. and it’s almost packed.”

Deja Hunt, a fourth-year broadcast journalism student, also gets to

campus early. She said full parking lots have caused her to be late to class, so she leaves excessive amounts of time to find a spot.

“When I know I have to park at the Coliseum I leave at least 45 minutes ahead of time because I know it’s going to take me usually 20 to 25 minutes to find a parking spot,” Hunt said.

Hunt’s student parking permit for the spring semester cost her \$55. However, when she can’t find a parking space at a lot near the Coliseum she has to pay an additional three dollars per day to park in Horizon Garage.

Perez said the reason he has a student parking permit in the first place because parking in a garage is too expensive. The closest garages to the Coliseum are the Horizon Garage and Discovery Garage. A spot in either garage costs students

\$320 per semester. The only garage more expensive than Horizon and Discovery is the Bull Street Garage, which costs students \$340 per semester.

Perez added that students who can’t find parking near the Coliseum often park at the Barnwell Street parking lot, over a mile away on the northern perimeters of USC’s campus. For fourth-year sport and entertainment management student Bryce Garvey, the struggle for a space turns into a struggle to get to class on time. On Tuesdays and Thursdays Garvey changes classes immediately from the current business building to the Coliseum. Because he parks at a meter, he can’t leave his car parked near the Close/Hipp building and walk to the Coliseum. Garvey only has 15 minutes between his two classes to get from the meter

PARKING ● 4

Loftis speech sees small audience

Four students turn out for SC state treasurer

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A cold, misty evening did not keep South Carolina State Treasurer Curtis Loftis from speaking on election season and his views on government in Gambrell Hall Monday night.

But it certainly shot down student attendance. Only four students — all from Student Government — came out to hear the latest in a series of elected officials that Student Body President Joe Wright and the SG Voter Registration Initiative has brought to USC.

Loftis, the state chairman for Republican Mitt Romney’s presidential campaign, opened with discussion of the past weekend’s primary in which Romney came in second to former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich.

“I’m glad to see it go,”

Loftis said. “I’m not much of a primary guy, but I got sucked into it this time. I came away with an idea of what’s wrong in the system and how to fix it. We need better people in office — but the primary’s gone, so I’m not going to bellyache about my guy not doing so well,” he said with a chuckle.

He went on to press the importance of local politics.

“We have to have better people running for office and better voters,” he said. “If people knew more about local politics, the deadbeats wouldn’t rise to the top.”

Loftis was originally set to speak in mid-December, but scheduling issues with Russell House pushed his appearance to Monday night in Gambrell. Despite those scheduling troubles, SG Secretary James Strickland, a fourth-year history and political science student who organized the event, was happy with it.

“Tonight went very well, and Mr. Loftis was very pleased to speak with us,”



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Student Government members made up the small audience at Loftis’s address, the second in SG’s free speaker series.

Strickland said. “He was very personable and we all had a great conversation.”

When Loftis, a Republican, learned that one of the students in attendance was a Democrat, he responded: “That’s great. We need more Democrats in this state because we

need a two-party system,” noting fighting within the Republican party. “We effectively have two parties within one party, but they can’t go after each other very well,” he said.

In closing his speech, Loftis placed a heavy

LOFTIS ● 4

Fraternities face stricter rush standards

Violating chapters will face \$2,500 fine and suspended privileges

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Following a semester marked by recruitment scandal and unprecedented disciplinary action, Fraternity Council is tightening up its rush policies and the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life is aiming to turn the newest USC Greeks into student leaders.

Neither are new initiatives, but both have the same intended goal: to clean up this semester what, in the fall, was a booze-soaked fraternity rush.

Fraternity Council has declared fraternities using alcohol and illegal substances as recruitment tools this semester will be fined \$2,500 and have new member privileges repealed. A second offense will cost the organization another \$2,500 and removal from rush week for the following semester. A third offense costs the chapter’s entire standing with the university. Fraternity Council President Jordan Cox insisted that the penalties are not new, but said they were never clarified during the previous rush process.

“If these were in place, it was not to the effect that the council was enforcing them or could enforce them,” Cox said. “The presidents were very receptive to our ideas for a stronger outline of the rules.”

But it’s not clear just how receptive the fraternities themselves are to cleaning up their act.

The Greek Emerging Leaders program, which Fraternity and Sorority Life announced had accepted 30 students saw participation from only four of USC’s fraternities. Eleven out of 15 sororities are being represented. The seven fraternity men taking part in the program hail from Beta Theta Pi, Kappa Sigma, Sigma Chi and Alpha Epsilon Pi.

Cox said he couldn’t comment on why there was such low representation from USC’s fraternities, but he hopes to push participation in the new program as he and other council members work to “clear up” their chapters’ reputation after last semester’s disciplinary drama. Repeated incidences of alcohol and hazing during the fall 2011 fraternity rush week led the university to temporarily halt recruitment, only to reinstate bid day provided fraternities agree to comply with university standards.

“I’m confident that the fraternities would be more willing to get involved in a program like this,” Cox said. “It’s something that we will promote heavily. I don’t want the fraternity program to be misrepresented in any program here in the university.”

Cox hopes a strong, unanimous agreement among fraternity presidents will translate into a smooth process for the remainder of the spring rush week, which began Sunday and ends Saturday. Over 300 students are registered for spring rush, a solid turnout that

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USC right on track

South Carolina looks to improve after meet against top competition at the Auburn Invitational

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SG ELECTIONS 2012

Student Government announces candidates

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Though one South Carolina election has ended, another is quickly getting underway. USC Student Government announced the candidates who have filed to run for executive and legislative office for the February SG elections on its website Thursday. Each candidate was given 100 words and a picture to introduce themselves and their campaigns to the student body. The following students are filed to run as executive candidates:

Filed to run for PRESIDENT



Emily Saleeby
Student Body Vice President
Third-year, business student
“When I joined Student Government, I knew that I had found something I was passionate about. I have sincerely enjoyed my time as Student Body Vice President and I feel that the experiences and initiatives I have had during my term have prepared me for the office of President. My goal to Advance Carolina is focused on accomplishing current initiatives and starting long term goals that will have a progressive effect on the University’s future. Through this goal I hope to increase the value of the USC degree for current and future Gamecocks! Join me as we Advance Carolina!”

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Kenny Tracy
Secretary of Student Services
Third-year, sport and entertainment management student
“My name is Kenny Tracy and I am a junior Sport and Entertainment Management major from Marietta, GA. Aside from in-class obligations, I have been involved in Dance Marathon for two years, University 101 Peer Leader, numerous intramural sports, Newman Club, Sport and Entertainment Management Club, Student Board of Directors for Carolina Dining and Student Government. I was a member of Freshman Council and have held Cabinet positions as Secretary of Safety and Transportation, as well as Secretary of Student Services. Please reach out to me; I would love sit down and get to know all of my fellow Gamecocks.”



John Cuenin
SG Historian
Third-year, political science and economics student
“Giving Students a Voice Again: If elected Student Body President I will work tirelessly to make the Student Body heard and represented. I do not feel that Student Government currently listens to the Student Body as much as it should, and during my campaign I will strive to make the students heard instead of just making myself heard. During this campaign I will always make myself accessible to the average student and I will do the same once I am elected.”

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Mandatory Candidates’ Meeting

- If you have filed to run for an executive position or a Senate seat, you are required to attend the Mandatory Candidates’ Meeting on Tuesday, January 24 in the Senate chambers.

- 8:00 PM Executive candidates
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Following this meeting, the campaign season opens!

Any candidates that cannot attend this meeting must notify the elections commissioner in writing and meet with the commissioner within two business days. Otherwise, the candidate is disqualified from the race.

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Filed to run for
VICE PRESIDENT



Chase Mizzell
Student Services Committee Chairman
Second-year, international business student
“As Vice President I will strive to positively impact the culture surrounding Student Government so that all students, whether they seek to be heavily involved or simply share an idea, feel confident and comfortable approaching our leaders. As the leader of the Senate I will facilitate relationships with campus leaders as well as relevant administrators so that senators may effectively pursue goals and initiatives. As Vice President of the student body I plan to diligently work on projects including Student Legal Services, a bike checkout program and an on campus food bank among others. Be a part of something great!”




Yousef Ibreak
Freshman Council Member
First-year, finance and economics student
“My name is Yousef Ibreak and I am running for Treasurer to advocate for my fellow Gamecocks. I aim to:
1) Increase the accountability in Student Government. I plan on doing so by creating a website that tells each student at Carolina where each dollar of their student activity fee is going.
2) Ensure that more organizations on campus start receiving funding and increase funding for underfunded organizations.
3) Collaborate with the President and Vice President to increase transparency in Student Government. I would be honored to have your support in the upcoming election.”

*Fifty-two students have filed to run for Student Senate, according to SG's website. The senate, which has always struggled with membership numbers, will have several holes this year as well. At least 17 empty chairs will result from several districts having fewer candidates filed to run than seats available. Among them: the colleges of social work, law, pharmacy and music, all of which had no constituents apply for office.
Filing for office is now closed; students can vote on VIP on Feb. 14 and 15.*

Filed to run for
TREASURER



Coy Gibson
Student Finance Committee Chairman
Second-year, political science student
“Coy Gibson comes from Lugoff, South Carolina and is a second year Political Science student. He has served as Chairman of the Student Senate Finance Committee for the past year at Carolina. In this role, Coy has successfully led the committee in passing a finance bill allocating over \$96,000 — funding 70 student organizations and hundreds of their events. He also serves the campus as a Resident Mentor at Capstone House to thirty-eight freshman students. Coy's candidacy is all about bridging the gaps between student organizations and Student Government as he seeks to streamline the allocation process.”




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Students learn business journalism

Webinar shares resources for writers

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Students learned why private companies matter in reporting in a webinar at the Carolina Coliseum Monday.

Rob Wells, a Reynolds Visiting Professor at USC, hosted the session sponsored by the Baldwin Business Journalism Initiative at the School of Journalism and Mass Communications. The webinar was led by Chris Roush, a professor at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill and founding director of the Carolina Business News Initiative.

“Investigating private companies makes it easier to cover businesses,” Roush said. “Small companies are the backbone of local economies.”

While there are approximately 15,000 public companies in the U.S., there are 6 million privately held firms. Private business accounts for about half of the country’s workforce and more than half of the country’s output, which makes for important news.

“When I first started out, I was working in small towns where private businesses were everywhere,” Wells said. “Not every city is New York City, and private businesses account for a lot of news stories.”

Roush listed a few resources that reporters of all kinds can



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Monday’s session with UNC professor Chris Roush taught the value of private companies in reporting.

use to gain information about private companies, ranging from licensing boards and trading associations to the secretary of state’s office and bankruptcy court.

“Whether you’re a business reporter, sports writer or political journalist, knowing how to investigate private businesses makes you a better journalist,” Wells said.

Roush also referenced private companies like the Better Business Bureau as hubs of valuable information. Of those mentioned, Roush felt that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), are particularly useful resources.

“Make a name for yourself writing business stories, and your career will take off,” Roush said.

Wells is teaching two courses this semester to teach business journalism skills — Making Sense of the Economy, a survey of companies and economics, and Business Journalism, Corporations and You: Real-Time Financial Literacy. Both are listed as journalism classes.

“These classes will teach students the basic skills of reading financial documents,

the stock market and how to ask the pertinent questions when working with these private companies,” Wells said.

To gain experience with business journalism and investigating small companies, Wells suggests that students frequently check out databases and news coverage, as well as trade newsletters, to gain insight on how companies fit in.

“Comfort with financials makes for more opportunities as a journalist,” Wells said.

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spot to a student parking lot spot near the Coliseum. If he can’t find a space then, Garvey said he looks for a meter in front of the Coliseum but there usually aren’t any, and of the four classes he’s had so far this semester he’s missed two. Garvey said the first few rows in the student parking lot behind the Coliseum appear to be reserved for those helping with the construction of the business building, while circus parking took up half of the back lot up until Monday. Hunt, who also attributed parking issues to the circus, added that said the two rows were reserved for someone other than students, and that they are hardly ever full.

“I feel there are always spots vacant in the areas they have roped off,” Hunt said.

Several attempts made by The Daily Gamecock to contact Parking Services officials were unsuccessful.

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emphasis on government transparency.

“It goes back to integrity. What we’ve done is try to make transparency and accountability the most important thing we do,” Loftis said. “Would Obama have written the check to Solyndra for \$500 million if people were watching? If there was a TV camera, would he have written a

check? Of course not. We talk about running government properly. We talk about transparency, but by the time the real person finds out what’s going to be done, its already been done behind closed doors. State government is so closed and I have a real problem with that.”

Strickland is looking forward to more officials visiting campus in the near future, including a possible appearance from Gov.

Nikki Haley.

“We do hope to get more speakers on campus,” Strickland said. “Some events are still in the works and are still uncertain ... but it’s very likely that a few more members of the state legislature will join SG.”

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Applications are due for The Dating Game, hosted by Freshman Council

Tuesday, January 31

Freshman Council will be hosting the USC Student Major Fair from 7pm to 9pm in the Capstone Campus Room

All paperwork for reimbursements for sponsored Fall 2011 events is due by 4:00pm in person to Alison Toney in the Campus Life Center

Thursday, February 9

Student Government will hold its annual executive officer debate on Greene Street at 12pm

Friday, February 10

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Cox said exceeded expectations.

Assistant Fraternity and Sorority Life Director Katie Spell hopes to see more of those new pledges in next year’s Emerging Leaders class.

“I don’t know if it’s the solution — a lot goes on to fixing the accountability — but it will be a step in the right direction to have young leaders in those chapters trained,” Spell said. “Sometimes it takes only one or two people in a chapter to turn things around.”

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Parking woes return to haunt commuters

Parking — it’s an evil older than time here at USC. Ask any student on campus how they feel about parking, and be prepared for a long rant filled with references to cramped lots, unpaid tickets and missed classes. No single part of life at USC seems to have caused more frustration and more time wasted than the current parking system.

These first few weeks of the semester have only seen this colossal problem exacerbated by the construction of the new business school and the arrival of the circus closing off valuable spaces in the Carolina Coliseum lots. These lots specifically serve commuter students who live off campus in the greater Columbia area; they are the cheapest alternative to semester-long garage passes, which can cost students in the up to \$300. Those unable or unwilling to pay such a hefty fee are left with the Coliseum lots — spaces that are now being shrunk by outside circumstances that the university could have, and should have, anticipated.

Granted, USC allowed for overflow parking in Discovery Garage to accommodate for the circus. But there needs to be a concerted effort to open up as much parking as possible during the time that the new business school is under construction. Without this effort, commuters will be forced to spend more money for parking, an expense that they thought they had taken care of with the purchase of a Coliseum pass in the first place.

When Parking Services sells us passes, it should guarantee that our dollar is worth something to them and to this university. Special circumstances deserve special measures in order to preserve the already hectic balance that exists in regard to USC’s parking. Because — let’s face it — it’s not getting any better any time soon.



Students lose vital skills in home school

Low accountability plagues system

Freedom is the central value for many aspects of our lives, seen most clearly in our education system. Children under the age of 16 are required to be formally educated in our country, and while our current tax system provides education for them through public schools, parents still have the ability to choose what type of education is best for their children. One option for parents looking outside of the public school system is home school.

Home-schooling laws in South Carolina are weak at best. Parents are required to have only a high school degree or GED; this requirement can also be satisfied by a parent’s membership in a home-school organization with at least 50 members. Students must be taught all of the core subjects, as well as attend school for at least 4.5 hours a day, 180 days a year.

That may come across as acceptable at first, but it’s also important to note that school districts have no authority to require home visits. So who is keeping track? Can we just take on faith that parent-teachers keep impeccable records and are following protocol? This type of honor system for adults just isn’t good enough. While I believe that there are some parents who are phenomenal teachers, there are also way too many who are awful and incapable of teaching their children the basic knowledge that schools are supposed to supply.

In order to be licensed for instruction, public school teachers are required to have at least a bachelor’s degree, sufficient course background in each subject they are to teach and time spent as an instructor under an experienced teacher. As someone who has gone through it before, I can tell you that it’s a grueling process. To believe that an uneducated parent who holds only a high school degree can teach just as effectively as a fully-trained educator is ludicrous.

Children who have grown up in the home-school system often lack many of the social skills required of them in the workplace. They often only socialize with others within their socio-economic status and are unprepared to deal with their college roommates, cubicle neighbors and even bosses. Without learning diversity, every single day they are being denied the skills necessary to deal with different lifestyles or beliefs that others may hold.

It is the responsibility of every American to ensure our children, who will be running our future, are taken care of as best as possible. The public school system currently does not have all of the answers, which is why it is important for educational reform and policy changes to happen. Leaving our future in incapable hands is irresponsible, and Americans are failing when it comes to the relaxed home-school system. Let’s require more formal education and training from parents who wish to home school, or better yet, let’s get rid of it altogether. It’s difficult to standardize something we can’t properly keep tabs on; instead, we should focus all our energies on making accountable system for educating our children.

Letter: Hateful acts do not define religion

I’ve heard several pastors concede that up to 80 percent of current American church members probably aren’t Christians. This is immediately what my mind turns to when I read statements like “I hope there’s lots of banners in hell when your rotting in there you atheist f--- #TeamJesus,” as if that is the statement expected to pour out from a Jesus-centered heart of “gentleness and respect” (1 Peter 3:15).

As Michael Horton points out in “Christless Christianity: The Alternative Gospel of the American Church,” many of our country’s churches have taken the original messages of Christ and transformed them into a sort of moralistic, therapeutic deism, a kind of “Christless Christianity” separate from real Christianity. This strange religion keeps its members happy, sane, entitled and comfortable, without any real transformation of heart.

It’s not about Christians claiming, as Patrick Mitchell wrote, “to know peace, love and forgiveness better than the entirety of the world,” but rather that we claim to know the man who knew peace, love and forgiveness better than the entirety of the world. Jesus didn’t “request” meek and mild servants. Meek and mild servants are the inevitable result of a culture desperately in love with Christ. After all, it was Jesus himself who explained, “You will recognize them by their fruits” (Matthew 7:16).

All I’m attempting to accomplish with this is an encouragement of discretion. Do the actions of Cranston High School West’s “Christians” truly reflect the fruit, gentleness, humility and kindness expected of a true Christ-follower? No. As C.S. Lewis reminds us, “A tree is known by its fruit; or, as we say, the proof of the pudding is in the eating.”

— John Brewer Eberly, Jr.,
third-year biology student

Racial tensions may be behind Gingrich win

Comments on food stamps, employment could have swayed religious voters

With polls taken days before the election overwhelmingly favoring Mitt Romney, Newt Gingrich’s late surge ignited fiery debate in political spheres to determine its true causes. Many seem afraid to face the fact that racially charged comments clearly played a role in the outcome. Upon further examination, however, this is the only logical conclusion.

Asked what he would say if invited to speak at an NAACP meeting, Gingrich replied, “I’ll go to their convention and talk about why the African-American community should demand paychecks and not be satisfied with food stamps.” Interestingly enough, 35 percent of food stamp recipients are white, while only 22 percent are African-American. There is no doubt Gingrich was well aware of this fact. Nonetheless, he is a seasoned politician who knows how to turn racism into momentum.

When Juan Williams, the African-American journalist who moderated one presidential debate, pressed Gingrich on his use of racially charged language, he responded with more of the same. He called President Barack Obama the “food stamp president,” which led his supporters to claim Williams was “put in his place” by Gingrich’s assertion of superiority.

That Gingrich overcame the recent revelations from his ex-wife and his numerous admitted infidelities in a heavily evangelical “family values” state lends credence to the racial argument. Despite the presence of a true evangelical candidate in Rick Santorum, religious conservatives opted for the candidate espousing racial resentment toward Obama and blacks in general. The proof is in the numbers. Ninety-three percent of South Carolina primary voters were Christian; they swung overwhelmingly in favor of Gingrich over Santorum by a margin

of 47 percentage points, even though Santorum secured the endorsements of nearly every evangelical leader in the state. Fifty-eight percent of voters said the religious beliefs and practices of candidates played a significant role in their decision. The same 58 percent swung in Gingrich’s favor; 46 percent to Santorum’s 31 percent. The hypocrisy is astounding.

The question of whether Gingrich supporters are all racist is a resounding no. But faced with his past remarks, his lack of what evangelicals would call “classic family values” and his victory over Santorum, one is left grappling for reasons why conservative religious voters picked Gingrich as their first choice. One explanation stands out: Evangelical voters sent a clear message that repeated infidelity is excusable in a candidate as long as he directs racially charged criticisms toward African Americans.

Differences over policy and political ideology are obviously on the forefront, but this tendency to respond favorably to racist rhetoric, made evident by Gingrich’s win Saturday, appears to be a growing influence on voting habits with the religious right.

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CORRECTIONS

In Monday’s editorial, we reported that Newt Gingrich won the South Carolina primary by a 40-point margin. Gingrich won with 40 percent of the vote, but beat Mitt Romney by only a 12-percent margin. The Daily Gamecock regrets the error.

Moshers rise against Township stage Sunday

Chicago rock band builds anticipation, performs to 3,000 person Auditorium

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Rock band Rise Against filled The Township Auditorium with an energized crowd of moshers, crowd-surfers and fist-pumpers Sunday night.

In an auditorium that has more than 3,000 seats, fans were lined up as the doors opened. Those sitting in the balcony seats were pumped for the show, but it was the orchestra level that displayed the most energy, jumping to the beats, flashing lights and moshing to the aggressive music.

Scranton, Pa., punk rock band The Menzingers kicked off the event and set the stage.

The audience’s liveliness only increase as the second act of the night, hardcore rock band A Day to Remember, came onto the stage performing “The Downfall of Us All,” a single off its third album, “Homesick.” The Florida rockers thought the ground floor could use some “redecorating,” throwing rolls of toilet paper into the audience to toss around at will.

But that wasn’t the only highlight of the performance. Halfway through the set, lead singer Jeremy McKinnon placed himself inside a plastic bubble and walked atop the crowd, further feeding

the audience’s vigor.

Unfortunately, the crowd’s excitement didn’t last long.

After seeing a crowd-surfer suffer an awkward-looking fall, McKinnon asked the audience to give either thumbs-up or thumbs-down to check on the condition of people at the orchestral level. Sadly, several thumbs-downs were given near the center of the auditorium.

The crowd circled around a severely injured young man lying on the general admission floor, postponing A Day to Remember’s performance for a short time and the energy of the crowd to die down. Eventually, paramedics arrived, placing the young man on a stretcher and taking him to the nearest medical facility. Police and the event staff were unable to provide the identity of the young man, the state of his condition or where he was being taken.

But the show did go on. A Day to Remember continued with songs like “All I Want” and “Have Faith in Me” before they left the stage to make room for the main event.

The orchestra floor crowd moved as close to the stage as they possibly could as the anticipation built

for the Chicago-native headliners.

The main act — which brought the intensity in its action-packed, high-energy performance — began its section of the show with “Survivor Guilt,” a song from the band’s latest album, “Endgame.”

Rise Against performed crowd favorites “Ready to Fall,” “The Good Left Undone” and “Help is on the Way” before lead singer Tim McIlrath called for the audience to bring the noise before “Re-Education (Through Labor)” — in opposition to parents, teachers and neighbors who tend to be against the amplified sound.

After performing the most celebrated song, “Prayer of the Refugee,” the band temporarily left the stage before a little audience heart-to-heart with McIlrath. The Rise Against frontman looked back on the band’s last tour through Columbia — nine years ago — before a solo, acoustic performance of “Audience of One” and another crowd favorite, “Swing Life Away.”

While the band came to Columbia to entertain the many dedicated fans, Rise Against also came with a cause. Over its years performing, the band has been an active supporter of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. In the front gallery of the auditorium, members of Peta2, an expansion of PETA, stood next to a table with brochures, buttons and stickers for interested people.

One project that the group was there to support was “Meatless Mondays,” an international campaign that encourages people to not eat meat one day a week to improve their health.

Peta2 also featured the “It Gets Better” project, created in response to the suicides of teenagers who were bullied because of their sexuality. Videos were played on monitors on stage that displayed messages from gay adults speaking out against homophobia and sending messages of support to gay teens. It also set the mood for Rise Against to perform one of its latest singles, “Make It Stop (September’s Children).”

“We’re sorry that it took us so long. We want you to know that you don’t have to wait anymore,” McIlrath said during the final encore of the night, “Savior.”

Hopefully, the city of Columbia will not have to wait another nine years for the band to return and once again rock the capital city.



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Rock groups The Menzingers, A Day to Remember and Rise Against perform for a packed Township Auditorium Sunday.

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Brioso caters to casual, flavorful side of Italian cuisine

Main Street spot focuses menu on fresh pastas

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Plates of perfectly-twirled linguine and tricolor ravioli sit in the front display case as the inviting aroma of fresh Alfredo and marinara swirl through the Italian villa — right in the middle of Columbia’s Main Street.

Cooks, outfitted in black chef coats, boil, broil and sauté, all in plain sight of the dining room’s rich paintings and cozy four-top settings. A line of students, families and professionals gather at the front of the restaurant — Brioso Fresh Pasta — weighing their choices of every fresh, homemade pasta, from rigatoni with red sauce to lobster-filled ravioli.

Brioso — which already has locations in Clemson, Asheville and Ohio — opened on Main Street, right

next to Yoghut, Dec. 26. Its expansive list of Italian favorites, mixed and matched with a menu of organic and flavorful in-house creations, offers a “fresh casual” experience to the just-off-campus dining scene.

And it’s that “fresh casual” that defines the Brioso experience. It’s part Panera, part Carrabba’s. The restaurant’s menu of pastas, flat bread pizzas and paninis is posted above the front cash register, and diners place their orders as they walk through the door. Waiters and waitresses then take care of the sit-down dining experience, filling drink orders and delivering food to the nicely-set tables — they even upgrade from the table-top number system, sending pepper grinders as order markers.

It’s a good idea — the balance between the casual, order-your-own setting and a night out, sit-down dinner. But when it gets busy, the storefront order line can get backed



Nicole DeBartolo / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Main Street Italian restaurant Brioso houses a menu of inexpensive pasta dishes.



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BRIOSIO ● Continued from 6

up and deciding on a tip before meeting your server can pose a bit of a problem.

But any flaw in the dynamics is more than compensated in the homemade dishes, which stress freshness with an assortment of locally-grown and organic ingredients.

Gemelli, fusilli, gnocchi and tagliatelle: it's like Columbia's very own, health-conscious Little Italy. The pasta menu is divided into pasta corta (short pasta) and pasta lunga (long pasta), with a separate showing of mouth-watering ravioli. And that's not just an expression — Italian sausage, butternut squash, smoked gouda and lobster all make the list of equally-delicious fillings, just \$5 (\$6 for the lobster) before your choice of sauce.

Briosio's 14 sauces, which range from a simple bolognese to truly delicious aragosta — cream sauce with lobster, shallots and sherry — compliment each of the pastas. And the restaurant offers select noodles in egg, whole wheat and spinach.

The choices are seemingly endless, with each pairing sounding even better than the last. But, just to narrow down the selection, the spinach gemelli with aragosta sauce, \$11, and gnocchi with wild mushroom funghi, \$10, are each wonderful picks.

And pasta's in the name, but it's not all Briosio has to offer. The

flatbread pizzas — which include the pizza pollo, with chicken breast, red onions, barbeque sauces and shredded Gouda — range from \$9 to \$11 with gluten-free options available.

The prosciutto and mozzarella panini, piled high with bocconcini mozzarella and tomatoes, also sticks out as a menu favorite for just \$7.

An appetizer menu packed with bruschetta, fig preserves, hummus and calamari screams “sofisticato,” and beautifully prepared caprese and salmon and arugula salad only builds upon Briosio's high-class menu. But it all stays under \$10.

It's a fine Italian dining experience on a dime — complete with mid-meal chats from the chef himself and a dessert menu with everything from fruit and cheese-stuffed crepes, \$5, to caramel-covered gelato custard, \$4.

Everything's affordable, fit for the college or office lunch budget, but the setting and staff ensure the complete out-to-eat afternoon or evening — while living up to its Italian namesake, which translates to “lively.”

Briosio is at 601 Main St. and is open Monday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., Friday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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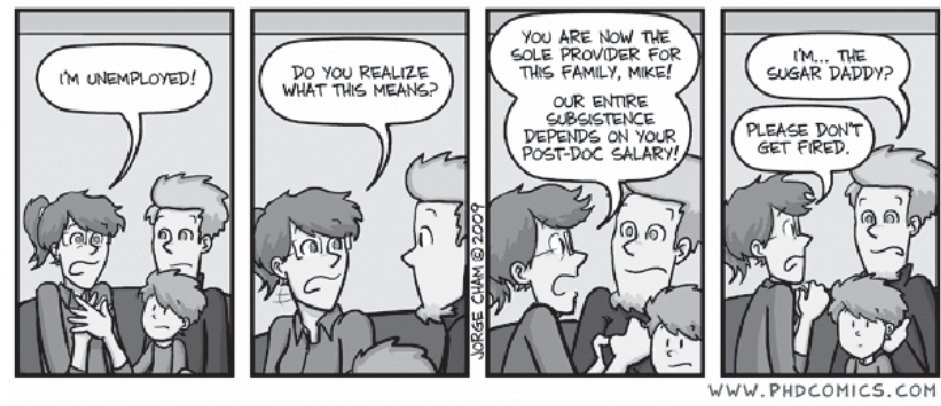
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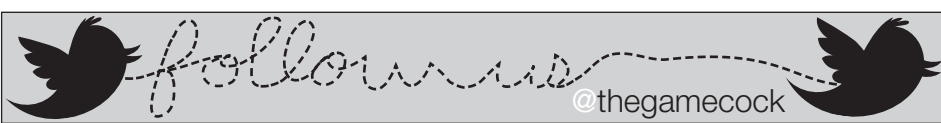
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SEC Power Rankings

Compiled by the sports staff




Kentucky
19-1 5-0

Now that Syracuse is out of the spotlight, Kentucky has stepped up to the No. 1 slot in the national polls. Freshman Anthony Davis, who has started all 20 games, is the team leader in field goal accuracy, shooting 63 percent, leads the nation in blocks, and is the second best rebounder in the SEC with 206 thus far. The Wildcats play Georgia next.
— Caroline Baity




Mississippi State
16-4 3-2

The Bulldogs' victory in overtime against Vanderbilt has certainly helped boost their ranking after their loss to Ole Miss last week. Senior guard Dee Bost performed well, helping to defend Miss State against the Commodores with a game-high 24 points. The Bulldogs' face the Gators this Saturday in Gainesville, Fla.
— Caroline Baity




Vanderbilt
14-5 4-1

Vanderbilt may have lost its last SEC game to Mississippi State in overtime, but the Commodores have been cruising through SEC play this season. Vandy is lead by junior John Jenkins, who leads the SEC in scoring. Vanderbilt will look to rebound at rival Tennessee, who has been a giant killer this season, taking down Florida and UConn.
— Isabelle Khurshudyan




Florida
15-4 3-1

The Gators, who play Ole Miss Thursday, are currently scoring a game average of 82.2 points, higher than that of the No. 1 Wildcats and the most points per game in the SEC. A true offensively driven team, Florida also leads the conference in 3-point percentages, with 40.7 percent, and assists.
— Caroline Baity




Alabama
13-6 3-1

After having a strong nonconference season, the Crimson Tide has dropped three straight SEC contests, though the losses were to three of the top SEC teams — Kentucky, Mississippi State and Vanderbilt. Alabama looks to get back on track this weekend as they travel to South Carolina, who is still searching for its first SEC victory. Senior JaMychal Green leads the Crimson tide in points, averaging 14.2 points per game.
— Isabelle Khurshudyan




Arkansas
14-5 2-2

Arkansas started off SEC play strong with a win over Mississippi State, but fell flat against a weaker Ole Miss team days later. The Razorbacks have looked particularly good on offense, putting up 75.6 points per game, third in the conference. The Razorbacks are led by junior guard, Julysses Nobles, who has the most minutes and assists, but mostly importantly serves as a leadership presence for an otherwise young team.
— Christian Aldridge




Ole Miss
13-6 3-2

The Rebels took a major hit when leading scorer Dundreous Nelson was kicked off the team for a violation of team rules just before their SEC schedule. Ole Miss got off to a rough start in conference play, but has signature wins against two of the league's better teams in Arkansas and Mississippi State. Most of their production has come from juniors Murphy Holloway and Reginald Buckner, both among the league's best rebounders.
— Christian Aldridge




Tennessee
9-10 1-3

After upsetting No. 11 UConn, the Volunteers will look to upset their rival at Vanderbilt. Tennessee has been pleasantly surprised by Jarnell Stokes, who is second on the team in points per game and leads in rebounds per game. Trae Golden leads the team with 13.6 points per game and also leads the team with 5.2 assists per game.
— Isabelle Khurshudyan




LSU
12-7 2-3

LSU showed signs of promise while reeling off a seven-game win streak out of conference, including a signature win over then 10th-ranked Marquette. However, the Tigers have since struggled, with one of their main concerns being shooting, ranking 11th in the conference. Junior Justin Hamilton, who leads the team in scoring with 14.1 a game, has been a force to be reckoned with in his first season after transferring from Iowa State, and freshman guard Anthony Hickey leads the conference in steals with 2.3 a game.
— Christian Aldridge




Auburn
12-7 2-3

Auburn played South Carolina on Saturday, winning 63-52 in Auburn. The Tigers have maintained an 11-3 record at home this season, but only 1-4 on the road. Junior guard Frankie Sullivan led the way for the Tigers with a season-high 22 points. Sullivan, averaging 12.8 points, and senior forward Kenny Gabriel, averaging 11.6, are the Tigers' top players. Auburn will travel to Fayetteville, Ark. on Wednesday to face the Arkansas Razorbacks.
— Sam Burgett



Georgia
10-9 1-4

Georgia's season is scattered with winning and losing streaks. The Bulldogs faced Ole Miss in Athens on Saturday. Georgia lost, 66-63, despite Kentavious Caldwell-Pope's season-high 25 points. Gerald Robinson also scored another 19 points for the Bulldogs. Georgia's lone conference win came against Tennessee on Jan. 18. Caldwell-Pope, who is averaging 14.7 points a game, will help the Bulldogs try and upset No. 1 ranked Kentucky.
— Sam Burgett



South Carolina
8-10 0-4

The Gamecocks are still vying for their first conference victory after four games. They lost to Auburn, 63-52, at Auburn over the weekend. South Carolina led at halftime, 28-24, but was outscored in the second half 39-24. Anthony Gill and Bruce Ellington each had nine points each to lead the Gamecocks. The Gamecocks' leading scorer, Malik Cooke, was held to six points. South Carolina will play Alabama at home this Wednesday.
— Sam Burgett



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USC names 2012 baseball captains

South Carolina senior outfielder Adam Matthews, junior right-handed pitcher Matt Price and senior left-handed pitcher Michael Roth have been named captains for the 2012 season, USC announced Monday. All three players earned the honor after a vote by their teammates. This is Roth's second consecutive season as a captain, and both he and Price have earned Preseason All-American honors. The Gamecocks open the 2012 season as two-time College World Series Champions on Friday, Feb. 17 with USC hosting VMI in a three-game series at Carolina Stadium.

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USC right on track

Gamecocks look to continue improving after Saturday meet

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The South Carolina track and field team competed at the Auburn Invitational on Saturday, looking to follow up an impressive performance at the Virginia Tech Invitational last week.

USC faced some of the most elite teams in the nation, including SEC foes Auburn, Alabama, Ole Miss, Mississippi State, Georgia and Tennessee. Central Florida, Clemson, Florida State and Texas were also present, all nationally ranked.

The Gamecocks responded by having five top five finishes overall, four on the men's side and one on the women's. Clayton Gravesande led the pack with a third-place finish in the 400-meter with a time of 48.34 seconds.

Team captain Louis Day knew that the competition this week would be stiffer than the last time out, but he thought the team performed well as a whole.

"We have a pretty young team this year, so I thought they did as well as you can expect them to," Day said. "As for me, I didn't do as well as I wanted. I want to place in the top three every time out."

Freshman Damiere Byrd made his Gamecock debut in track and field, and he immediately had an impact. He was the top Carolina performer in the 60-meter dash with a time of 6.79 seconds, which was good enough for 12th place overall. The two-sport speedster played receiver last fall for the Gamecocks where he caught a pass for 16 yards and also rushed 10 times for 73 yards.

The women's 4x400 relay team of Christal Green, Erika Rucker, Ahtyana Johnson and Vashti Bandy placed fifth with a time of 3 minutes, 43.87 seconds to lead the women. USC standout Kierre Beckles took seventh place in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.41 seconds.

Junior transfer Jarrod Hutchen followed up a second-place finish in the men's long jump last week with a 7.35-meter jump Saturday, which put him in third place. The men's 4x400 relay team of Gravesande, Eric Winfrey, Chris Royster and Chris Maxwell also performed well in Alabama, posting a time of 3:16.09, which earned them a fifth-place finish.



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Royster notched his second top-five finish in as many meets with a time of 21.56 seconds in the individual 200-meter. After breaking the school record for women's high jump last week, sophomore Jeannelle Scheper took 11th place after a jump of 1.72 meters. Petra Olsen narrowly missed a top-five finish in the women's pole vault after placing second in Virginia.

Christopher Walker, Juan Stenner, Nejmi Burnside and Nigel Redic led Carolina's other 4x400 team to another top ten finish with a time of 3:20.89, landing them in eighth place.

The results Saturday weren't the same as last week when the Gamecocks had three first-place finishes and five second-place ones but head coach Curtis Frye is content with his team.

"We have had a lot of good performances so far," Frye said. "It's early. We spent six weeks training since Thanksgiving, so for where we are, we know we have six weeks to get ready for the conference meet."

As for Day, he is looking to get better as the season progresses and expects his team to perform well in advance of the SEC championships.

"I want to achieve my personal best this season and get better," Day said. "The goal is to perform well in the SEC Championships and nationals. We need to get ready for the competition and compete the best we can. We are a talented team so we can do something."

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USC captain Louis Day said he didn't do as well as he wanted at the Auburn Invitational.



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IK: Paterno's legacy

Circumstances surrounding former PSU coach's death should not change the truth

Everyone has an opinion on the passing of Joe Paterno.

The former Penn State coach died of a broken heart. The winningest coach in Division I college football didn't have the will to live anymore.

The Penn State board of trustees killed the 85-year-old the day they fired him, forever tainting his reputation.

Opinions are fine. Everyone is entitled to them, but they aren't facts. They shouldn't be confused as facts.

Paterno didn't die of a broken heart. He died of lung cancer, which was diagnosed in November during a follow-up visit for a bronchial illness. The cancer spread and, combined with the age and fragility of Paterno, caused his death.

Was the old coach likely heartbroken? Yes.

Coaching was his life for six decades. And yes, like Paul "Bear" Bryant, he died a short time after coaching his last game. But saying he died of a broken heart is unsubstantiated. He was surrounded by his whole family — five kids, 17 grandchildren and players that he'd stayed in touch with throughout his life. Much of the Penn State community still idolized him.

Saying that he had lost his will to live is insulting.

"He died as he lived," reads the statement from the Paterno family. "He fought hard until the end, stayed positive, thought only of others and constantly reminded everyone of how blessed his life had been."

Paterno had so much to live for, so saying that he'd lost his will to

keep living because he wasn't coaching anymore is insulting the man that Paterno was. His legacy is that football wasn't always the most important thing.

He preached education to his players. Much of his charity was to the Penn State libraries. The Brown alumnus made graduating players a priority before the NCAA mandated it. He is a dying breed of coaches who stay at one program out of love and loyalty, as opposed to the modern-day coach who uses any job as a stepping stone for something better.

Paterno loved Penn State so much, but when he was informed of suspicion that his longtime assistant was having inappropriate sexual contact with young boys, Paterno only told his higher-ups, not the police.

He said that in hindsight, he should've done more, and the board of trustees agreed. When faced with an impossible situation the trustees did the only thing they could do. They had the courage to fire the coach that had been looked at as a god for the campus. Penn State needed desperately to move on from the scandal and firing Paterno was a necessary step.

They made the right call. Sure, they couldn't have handled it better. Paterno should've been told in person and not over the phone. But his death doesn't change the decision or that they made the right one.

But that's an opinion, and if we're dealing with facts, all that can be said is that the board of trustees didn't kill Paterno. Cancer killed Paterno.

We can mourn the coach that was a staple of Saturdays in the fall, but we can't change the facts to make the truth more appealing. Paterno's legacy may have the stain of the Sandusky scandal, but it doesn't change all that he accomplished in his storied coaching careers, just as our opinions don't change the facts.



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South Carolina falls short against Georgia in weekend meet

Gamecock swimming, diving lose to highly ranked Bulldogs Friday

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The South Carolina swimming and diving squads were couldn't find an answer to the Georgia Bulldogs in Athens on Friday afternoon.

Head coach McGee Moody mentioned that it was one of the more difficult meets all season.

"It's hard to get on a bus and ride seven hours and then expect to swim your best," Moody said. "We still had good swims even with the travel."

The women's team lost to No. 1-ranked Georgia, 177-112. Senior diver Courtney Forcucci claimed two diving wins in the meet. Forcucci won the 1-meter springboard with a 298.13 and the 3-meter springboard with a 340.95, making it the fifth straight meet where Forcucci has won both events. Sophomores Rachael Schaffer and Meghan Brockington each won an event.

Schaffer won the 200 individual medley with a time of 2 minutes, 04.48 seconds, and Brockington won the 100 butterfly in 57.99 seconds. Sophomore Amanda Rutqvist tacked on a second-place finish in the 200 breaststroke with a 2:17.09 in the Gamecocks' winning effort.

The men's team was unable to top No. 9-ranked Georgia as well, falling 180-112. Junior diver Rylan Ridenour won the 3-meter springboard with a 357.38. Freshman diver Cole Miller placed second with a 351.15. Ridenour also finished second on the 1-meter springboard with a 349.35.

Junior Bobby Cave carried the Gamecocks on the men's side. Cave won the 200 individual medley in 1:53.39 and placed second in the 100 and 200 breaststroke events. Sophomore Jay Warner swam a personal best in a second-place finish of the 200 backstroke, with a time of 1:49.19. Sophomore Gerard Rodriguez placed second in the 200 butterfly with a time of 1:52.25. Junior Andrew Seiler finished second in the 50 freestyle in 21.17 seconds.

Despite the competition, Moody was proud of the way his team performed. "Georgia has some really good swimmers," Moody said. "We were able to go in and get some wins out of the meet."

The women's team is 5-3 overall, 1-2 in the SEC, while the men's team is 4-4 overall, but only 0-3 in conference meets. As the regular team season nears its close, South Carolina's swimming and diving programs have had good seasons and look to improve from year to year, with Moody taking pride in the continuous improvement of the individual, not just the team.

"We didn't expect anything going in, but we wanted to swim our best possible," Moody said. The Gamecocks will hope to bounce back this weekend against East Carolina and Vanderbilt in a two-day meet, concluding the regular season before heading to the SEC Championship meet in Knoxville, Tenn. next month.

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